

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, 05 January 2010
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:11p by Acting Chair Tom Bruhn. *Members present:* Jay Ames, Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann, Blanche Serban. *Members absent:* Kim Bova. *Others present:* Jay O'Keefe (staff).

2. The **minutes** of the 01 December 2009 meeting were approved as written.

3. Correspondence. Jay A. reported that the Committee on Committees had inquired about whether we had vacancies on the Committee that needed to be filled. We have two, Leon Baily & Joan Prugh having resigned. Members were asked to think about potential nominees; it would be good to recruit someone from dramatic arts.

3. MCC Art Exhibits.

a. Based on photos submitted by **Patty Vinsonhaler**, the Committee approved her ceramic work for display. Blanche will ask her if she can exhibit it during the winter quarter. If not, Tom Bruhn suggested that **Suzy Staubach** might be approached; he saw her ceramic work on one of the open studio weekends. He will call her to see if she is interested in exhibiting at the MCC. He will also contact **John Bell** about his proposed exhibit of Javanese puppets from the Ballard Institute; this might work for the spring quarter, if the cases are not claimed by school art (see b).

b. After some discussion the Committee agreed to attempt to organize a **Mansfield elementary school art show**, running 15 April to 31 May. Blanche & Jay A. will contact the Mansfield elementary school art teachers and ask for 20 matted flat pieces, 12 by 18 inches or smaller from each school. Jay A. thinks these can be displayed by clipping them to string or rods hanging from the wall-mounted rails. The display cases can also be offered for 3 dimensional work. If this show can be put together, the summer quarter could begin early (01 June).

c. The Committee might consult the extensive list of 'Quiet Corner' artists in the **open studio brochure** for ideas about potential exhibitors at the MCC. A copy should be available for perusal at the February meeting.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
Fall 15 Oct – 15 Jan	William Stallman (found object sculpture)		Jay Ames (paintings)		Sylvia Smith (water media)	
Winter 15 Jan – 15 Apr	Patty Vinsonhaler? (ceramics)		Ashleigh Kay (collage painting & drawing)			

4. Arts Brochure. No more copies of our bi-fold "Opportunities for Mansfield Artists" brochure can be located. The Committee agreed that a less-fancy update should be produced, perhaps a tri-fold photocopied on plain paper or card stock. Tom thought that one of the graphic designers at the Benton could help produce an attractive brochure of this type; Scott will send an electronic copy of the old brochure to him. Jay A. asked whether this information could be printed in the Parks and Recreation Department's quarterly publication. Jay O'K replied that we'd probably have to pay for space if we want more than the quarter-page invitation to exhibit at the MCC that now runs in it.

5. The **town website** is to be redesigned to allow easier access to arts topics, and Jay O'K will communicate our wishes to the tech people. The Committee would like to be able to upload arts news (including information on current exhibits) plus exhibit application forms and policies, to archive information on past exhibits, and to include links to the websites of exhibitors (and perhaps, more broadly, of Mansfield artists).

6. The published **2010 meeting schedule** should be revised to reflect last month's decision to move the November meeting to 09 Nov 2010, the Tuesday *after* Election Day. Jay O'K will do so.

7. Adjourned at 7:22p. Next meeting: Tuesday, **02 February 10**, 7:00p.

Scott Lehmann, Acting Secretary, 07 January 10
Approved 02 February 2010.